

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A phase locked loop circuit, comprising
a phase comparator for comparing phases of an index
signal and a reference signal and outputting a signal in
5 accordance with the phase difference;
a loop filter for smoothing the output signal of the
phase comparator;
a controlled oscillator for oscillating at a
frequency in accordance with the output signal of the
10 loop filter;
a limiter provided on a path from the output side of
the phase comparator to the input side of the controlled
oscillator for limiting the level of signals on the path
in a predetermined range of phase differences and setting
15 a large gain;
a frequency divider for dividing the output signal
of the controlled oscillator by a predetermined frequency
dividing rate N (where N is a positive integer),
generating the reference signal and feedback-inputting
20 the reference signal to the phase comparator;
an unlock detecting circuit for outputting the
unlocking of a phase lock based on the index signal and
the reference signal or based on the output signal of the
phase comparator and for outputting an unlock detecting
25 signal; and

a switch unit for shutting up the output signal of the loop filter based on the unlock detecting signal and inputting a predetermined signal to the controlled oscillator.

5 2. A phase locked loop circuit, comprising

a phase comparator for comparing phases of an index signal and a reference signal and outputting a signal in accordance with the phase difference;

a lead-in start signal generating circuit for
10 generating a lead-in start signal in response to the index signal input at the start of an operation;
a loop filter for smoothing the output signal of the phase comparator;

a controlled oscillator for oscillating at a
15 frequency in accordance with the output signal of the loop filter;

a frequency divider for generating the reference signal having the minimum phase difference with respect to the index signal when the lead-in start signal is
20 input, feedback-inputting the reference signal to the phase comparator, generating the reference signal by dividing the output signal of the controlled oscillator by a predetermined frequency dividing rate N (where N is a positive integer) when the output signal of the
25 controlled oscillator is input, and feedback-inputting

the reference signal to the phase comparator;

an unlock detecting circuit for detecting the
unlocking of a phase lock based on the index signal and
the reference signal or based on the output signal of the
5 phase comparator and for outputting an unlock detecting
signal; and

a switch unit for shutting up the output signal of
the loop filter based on the unlock detecting signal and
inputting a predetermined signal to the controlled
10 oscillator.

3. A phase locked loop circuit, comprising

a phase comparator for comparing phases of an index
signal and a reference signal and outputting a signal in
accordance with the phase difference;

15 a lead-in start signal generating circuit for
generating a lead-in start signal in response to the
index signal input at the start of an operation;
a loop filter for smoothing the output signal of the
phase comparator;

20 a controlled oscillator for oscillating at a
frequency in accordance with the output signal of the
loop filter;

a limiter provided on a path from the output side of
the phase comparator to the input side of the controlled
25 oscillator for limiting the level of signals on the path

in a predetermined range of phase differences and setting a large gain;

a frequency divider for generating the reference signal having the minimum phase difference with respect to the index signal when the lead-in start signal is input, feedback-inputting the reference signal to the phase comparator, generating the reference signal by dividing the output signal of the controlled oscillator by a predetermined frequency dividing rate N (where N is a positive integer) when the output signal of the controlled oscillator is input, and feedback-inputting the reference signal to the phase comparator;

an unlock detecting circuit for detecting the unlocking of a phase lock based on the index signal and the reference signal or based on the output signal of the phase comparator and for outputting an unlock detecting signal; and

a switch unit for shutting up the output signal of the loop filter based on the unlock detecting signal and inputting a predetermined signal to the controlled oscillator.

4. A phase locked loop circuit according to Claim 1, wherein the controlled oscillator is a voltage controlled oscillator or a current controlled oscillator.

25 5. A phase locked loop circuit according to Claim

2, wherein the frequency divider is a preset frequency divider be preset when the lead-in start signal is input.